EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

(adopted November 12, 2014)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 6:30 P.M.

BUILDING, ZONING, AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR ROOM 250 88 WEST MCINTYRE STREET KEY BISCAYNE, FL 33149

AGENDA

1. Attendance

Members present: Kristen Guess, Jackie Campo Keenan, Brett Moss, Anne Rothe, and Lili Warner. Staff: Ana de Varona (VKB), Lubby Martinez (MDCPS), Amelia Left (MDCPS), Sylvia Tarafa (MDCPS), Josephine Otero (MDCPS)

- 2. Resident Comments None.
- 3. Approval of August 13, 2014 minutes
 Anne Rothe made a motion to approve August 13, 2014 minutes. Motion was seconded by Kristen Guess. Motion was approved unanimously.
- 4. Additions and deletions to agenda Explanation of Compact process
- 5. Recommendations for additions to Draft Compact Mr. Moss mentioned adding sidewalks, and bike racks. Ms. Navarro explained the Safe Routes to School program. This program would facilitate funding for sidewalks around the school and pedestrian traffic. The District would help the Village with the application. Ms. Navarro also mentioned that the University of Miami has the Walk Safe Program which can be brought to the K-8 Center.

Added the following wording under facilities: The District and the Village will explore the possibility of applying for Safe Routes to School and school safety programs.

- Updates from District on following items:
 - a) Update on food service: Ms. Tarafa gave an update on the food service at the K-8 Center. There is now water in the cafeteria for students as an a la

carte item. Students are also allowed to have water bottles at school. They are going to offer sushi as a trial item. Sushi is offered at MAST once a week. Moving towards a peanut free cafeteria. There are only five people that work in the cafeteria.

- b) Update on possibility of Cambridge at K-8 Center: Ms. Tarafa gave an update on the Cambridge program. It is still being explored. There are different options for Cambridge such as a school within a school or full Cambridge. She would like to have all teachers trained in Cambridge.
- c) Update on security procedures: Ms. Tarafa gave an update on safety procedures. At the moment there are three security guards because one is on vacation. The biggest challenge she faces is parents respecting the perimeter of the school. She cannot lock the parking lots. A panic gate has been installed by Enid Drive. MAST has an SRO officer that is helping at the K-8 Center. She will continue to improve security at school.
- d) Update on gender research programs: Ms. Navarro mentioned that there is not enough data at the moment. The information is very limited. AICE Diploma participation by gender is only information that the District has. This item will be brought back at a later meeting.
- e) Explanation of Compact process: Ms. Navarro explained the process of the Compact and how it gets vetted. The Compact needs to be approved by the Village Council and then it needs approval from the School Board. The item is on as a Superintendents item. Once approved by the School Board then start to work on the Compact items. The EAB needs to prioritize the items.
- 7. Discussion on entry points for MAST School MAST currently has 8th grade entry point. If a student gets in middle school then they will automatically stay in school until 12th grade. There are currently 78 8th graders at the K-8 Center. There are currently 201 5th graders at the K-8 Center.
- 8. Agenda item recommendations for next meeting
 - Update on Cambridge at K-8 Center
 - Update on Safe Route to School
 - Compact Priorities
- A Special meeting will be scheduled after canvassing all board members. This meeting will be to finalize and approve the DRAFT Compact.
- 10. Adjournment

 Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.